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SUBJ: LOCKHEED OFFER OF EGYPTIAN VIP AIRCRAFT

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1. RICHARD BROWN OF LOCKHEED BRIEFED US ON FEBRUARY 28 STATUS HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH ASHRAF MARWAN AND USTAPHA GALLAL, WHO IS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR IN THE PRE-SIDENCY. MEETINGS WERE HELD BOTH FEBRUARY 26 AND 27. LOCKHEED PRESENTED INTERIOR DRAWINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE FOR MARWAN'S APPROVAL. OF OPTIONS OFFERED, MARWAN INDICATED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR USE OF DEDICATED AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN USE OF KIT TO CONVERT EGYPTAIR BOEING OFR PRESIDENTIAL USE. COMMENT: THIS IS IN DIRECT CONTRAST TO STATEMENT MADE TO USINT OFFICER ON FEBRUARY 27 BY EGYPTAIR CHAIRMAN MUSSALEM NUFAL, THAT HE NEEDED KIT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY, AND NOT TIE UP NEEDED AIRCRAFT FOR PRESIDENTIAL USE.

2. COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE WILL INCLUDE COLLINS HF 618 T2 HR, COLLINS VHF 618 M-3 UNIT, SYLVANAI VHF/FM ARC 114 AND COLLINS UHF ARC-109 UNITS, PLUS TELEPRINTER AND DATA UNITS. XEROX REPRODUCING UNIT ALSO TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE. LOCKHEED REPS INDICATED THAT THE EGYPTIANS ALSO SERIOUS IN OBTAINING GROUND PACKAGE WHICH WILL BECOME PART OF COMMAND CENTER TO INTERFACE WITH AIRCRAFT.

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3. MARWAN INDICATED TO LOCKHEED REP THAT HE IS TRAVELING
TO U.S. MARCH 11 TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH DEPARTMENT
EXPERTS, AND THEN PROCEEDING TO CALIFORNIA TO COMPLETE
DISUCSSIONS WITH LOCKHEED. CALLAL WILL ACCOMPANY.
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